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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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RE: New Patent Application of DR. BERND HILDEBRANDT.  
Our Ref.: MG-2555

Sir:

Enclosed are the application papers for a patent on behalf of BERND HILDEBRANDT entitled: "PROTECTIVE GAS FOR THE ELECTRON BEAM WELDING IN THE ATMOSPHERE FOR METAL WORKPIECES".

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2775 the appropriate filing fee.

A certified copy of the corresponding application No. 102 56 779.4 filed December 5, 2002, will be forwarded at a later date. Applicants claim a right of priority based thereon pursuant to Section 119 of the Patent Act of 1952.

This application is filed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.41 by Harold Pezzner on behalf of the inventors. Harold Pezzner is the attorney of applicants and is authorized to file the application on behalf of the applicants.

Kindly send us the official filing receipt.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

Respectfully Submitted,

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